

## This Week's Calendar...

### Sunday, Mar 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service  
10:00am - Sunday School

### Monday, Mar 31, 2025

10:00am - Adult Bible Study  
4-6:00pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran Church

### Wednesday, Apr 2, 2025

*Meal Volunteer: Debby Lee*  
5-7:00pm - Confirmation (Gr 6-8)  
6-7:00pm - K.I.C.K. (Gr K-5)

### Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00am - Worship Service  
10:00am - Sunday School

### Looking ahead...

#### Erin G - Vacation April 6-13

ALL bulletin announcements and hymn selections for April 6th and April 13th are due no later than Wed April 2nd.

😊 Thank you!  
Erin



*"As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God's kingdom and bring hope to a hurting world beginning in Chisago County."*

### Worship Service

Sunday, March 30, 2025

### 4th Sunday in Lent

#### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn

On-Screen

*"Open the eyes of my heart Lord"*

#### Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

#### Prayer of Confession

***ALL: God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from You. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But You delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Hide us, O God, from trouble; teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near, we pray. Amen.***

*Written by Valerie Bridgeman Davis in The Africana Worship Book, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 147.*

#### Scripture

**Luke 24:13-32**

#### Gloria Patri

UMH #70

#### Apostles' Creed

UMH #881 (traditional)

#### Children's Sermon

**Pastor Chris Kneen**



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## Offering & Prayer

**Hymn** **UMH #601** **“Thy Word Is a Lamp”**

**Sermon** **Pastor Chris Kneen**

## Communion\* & Lord’s Prayer

*\*The new chalice communion cups are gluten free and easier to open.*

**Closing Hymn** **UMH #467** **“Trust and Obey”**

## Benediction

## Postlude



## MISSION FOCUS:



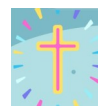
Many families in our community continue to have food insecurity, struggling to meet their basic needs. Last year, Family Pathways saw over 45,000 visits to their 9 food shelves in east central Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Throughout March, we’ll be collecting food and financial donations to provide hope and stability to those in need. We are collecting pickles and olives for the Easter dinner drive. You can also find a food pantry “most wanted” list in the donation cart by the fellowship hall. Prefer to give financially by donating to our monthly mission focus? Family Pathways can turn \$1 into \$7 worth of food and just \$10 feeds a family of 4 for a week! Together we can ensure everyone in our community has consistent access to healthy food to eat.

## Announcements

**Are you a visitor?** - Welcome! We are so glad you’re here! If you are looking for a church home we would be honored to have you Worship with us! Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office for more new member information. Thank you for being here!



**Lenten Study** - Join us for a Lenten study of “The Third Day: Living the Resurrection”, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Books are available in the office.



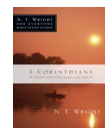
**Easter Carnival** - First UMC will host Easter Carnival on Saturday April 12th, 2025 at 10:00-12:00pm . We need your help!! Many different opportunities available: baking, prep, activities., something for everyone! Sign-ups are on the Activities Table in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please see Tina Forcier.



**Camp Minnesota** - Registration is now open! Brochures are on the community table. Camper Scholarships are available!



**Family Pathways**- First UMC has committed to 75 cans of Green Beans and 50 Cans Olives & Pickles, for the Easter Meals project with Family Pathways Food Shelf.



Join us for our Winter Bible Study meeting **each Monday at 10am**, Please see Tami Rehbein for more information. 1 Corinthians by NT Wright. - With a scholar's mind and a pastor's heart, Tom Wright walks you through 1 Corinthians in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Discover how you can participate more fully in God's kingdom.



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